



President's Message

Welcome back to another school year! I hope by this time you are well into the swing of things and enjoying your students.

I would like to pass on to you some of the valuable insights I have gained in the past year serving on the UATFACS board. It is good to know what is going on, even with all the responsibility that comes. The most important things I have become aware of are the many benefits of being a member of the Utah Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (UATFACS).

First of all, UATFACS is a teacher-based organization. The organization is all about education and supporting FACS programs and teachers.

In Utah we have unified membership, which means when you become a member of UATFACS you also join the Utah Association of Career and Technical Education (UACTE) and the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE). UATFACS has a working relationship with the other divisions of UACTE, which keeps us in touch and helping each other.

We are able to offer awards each year to teachers, as well as administrative and community supporters of our programs. The award winners have an opportunity to advance to the State, Regional, and National levels.

The legislative aspect of our organization is critical. Being a member of UATFACS, UACTE, and ACTE is like having job insurance. Our UACTE legislative chair, Rod Crocket, has made multiple visits to Washington DC and met with Senator Orin Hatch and his advisors. We owe much of the success of the recent passing of Perkins to the work of ACTE and the State affiliates.

One huge advantage is the opportunity to serve and network as a board member. Our board currently has thirteen members, some of whom are elected at summer conference and others who have been appointed. When asked recently, most members of the board reported that getting to know and work with other talented and committed FACS teachers is the best part about serving in UATFACS.

If you are like me, one of your favorite perks of UATFACS membership is our Midwinter conference. This year it is being held in the brand new Dixie High School in St. George Utah. It will be February 23rd and 24th. This year all of the CTE divisions will be in one building, which is a wonderful advantage for us to meet with them, and even attend their workshops and classes if we desire. It also means we won't be moving from one building to another. A huge portion of the conference cost is subsidized by UACTE, which makes it not only a wonderful opportunity, but also a bargain!

Thank you for being a member of the Utah Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences. We are grateful for the work you do, and for the opportunity we have to support you.

Wendy Cordell

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UACTE Mid-Winter Conference
"Connecting Education to Careers"
Dixie High School, St. George
February 23 –24, 2007

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FACS SUMMER CONFERENCE AWARDS

Terry Hunter - Outstanding Service Award



This award recognizes educators who have made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. Nominations for Terry stated “he is the most giving, thoughtful, considerate teacher.” “He is a great teacher to inspire students and student teachers.” “Terry is very supportive of ALL the CTE areas and is helpful in developing other programs including FACS.”

Angie Rohr - Award of Merit



This award recognizes individuals or organizations outside the field of career and technical education for the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. Angie has been teaching Sexual Education for Abstinence for 20 years. She teaches over 3,000 students each year.

Arch of Fame - Rachel Gonzalez



This award provides recognition for the commitment and dedication that individuals may have demonstrated to the organization and who have had a significant impact on the field of Career and Technical Education. Anyone who knows Rachel loves her. She has inspired many of her students to become FACS teachers. Rachel has served in many UATFACS positions including public relations, membership, member at large and later as it's president.

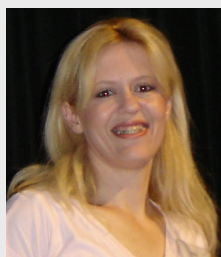
Heather Whitworth - Outstanding New Career & Technical Teacher



This award recognizes new professionals who have made significant contributions toward innovations, unique and novel programs and have shown a professional commitment early in their careers. Heather is so full of positive energy and love for what she teaches. She started the FACS program at Timberline Middle School. She was the only FACS teacher there its first year including furnishing and managing both the sewing and foods labs. She also served as department chair.

FACS SUMMER CONFERENCE AWARDS

Holly Wells - CTE Teacher of the Year



This award recognizes teachers who are providing outstanding career and technical education programs for youth and/or adults in their respective fields and communities. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that are serving to improve and promote career and technical education. It's important to Holly that students who struggle in other areas succeed in her class. She has done the "Make It With Wool" contest for the past 5 years and last year 30 of her students applied, 27 competed, and one student made first runner up for state.

Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award - Dr. Maribeth Clarke

This award is given to individuals in or outside the field of career and technical education who have made outstanding meritorious contributions of state or national significance to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. Maribeth Clarke has long been a part and had a great passion for Family and Consumer Sciences. To the many students she taught who have gone on to become teachers, she has been an advocate and positive force in helping them to succeed. One of her nominees is quoted as saying, "She has long been the face of FACS Education. Many FACS teachers exist just because of her influence."

Outstanding Career and Technical Educator - Terry Linares

This award recognizes career and technical educators, other than full-time classroom teachers who provide significant contributions to professional associations and career and technical education programs for youth and/or adults. Terry is currently the director over secondary education for Tooele School District. This is her 33rd year in education. Terry is a strong proponent of the CTE programs in her district and goes the extra mile to help these programs succeed like helping get funding for FACS programs from the district. She remarked, that she is very aware of the difference career and technical education makes in the lives of kids and knows the value of CTE education.

Check out the
ACTE and UACTE
Websites at:
www.acteonline.org
www.uacte.org



Nominations for 2006-2007

Summer will be here before we realize it. Be thinking of talented educators and "Friends of Education" you could nominate for awards at our Summer Conference next year. We need your help in identifying those worthy to receive them. Please email your nominations to Wendy Nelson wendyne@provo.edu

"What lies behind
us and what lies
ahead of us are
insignificant compared
to what
lies within us."

